



**CENTRAL REFORMED CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 27, 2022**

## REFLECTION

Leaving home is living as though I do not yet have a home, and must look far and wide to find one. Home is the center of my being, where I can hear the voice that says, "You are my beloved. On you my favor rests," the same voice that gave life to the first Adam and spoke to Jesus, the second Adam. The same voice that speaks to all the children of God and sets them free to live in the midst of a dark world while remaining in the light. ...When I hear that voice, I know that I am home with God and have nothing to fear. As the beloved of my heavenly Father, "I can walk in the valley of darkness: no evil would I fear."

*Henri J.M. Nouwen, The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
YOUTH PROFESSION OF FAITH  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 27, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING IN LOVE**

*The prelude is a call for personal preparation for the worship of God.*

**Prelude**

"Prelude in C Major" | J. S. Bach  
"Goldberg Variations - variation No. 7" | J. S. Bach  
"Arioso" | J. S. Bach, arr. John E. Wilson  
"For He That Is Mighty" | J. S. Bach, arr. Peter Figert

**The Chimes**

**Welcome**

**Votum, Call to Worship**

One:	Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Amen.</b>
One:	Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come on God's invitation, longing for peace and quiet for our souls.</b>
One:	Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come on God's invitation, seeking to be fed.</b>
One:	Come and feast on the love of God in Jesus Christ.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come on God's invitation, needing healing.</b>
One:	Come, rest your spirits and quiet your hearts for God is with us.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come to praise God who calls us home.</b>

**\*Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | 356, all verses

**\*The Salutation**

One:	May grace, mercy, and God's peace be ours, through God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Amen.</b>

**\*Invitation to Confession**

One:	I will get up and go back to my Father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands." Let us return to our God, and make our confession. Let us pray.
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### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, there is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence; sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith. Some days there is enough weariness in us to swamp our hopefulness. There is enough apathy within us to smother our compassion. Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy. And enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love.

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy, forgive us of our numerous sins, have pity on our pride and folly, lead us to the fountain of your grace, and wash us thoroughly from all that defiles us. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen!

### **\*Assurance of Pardon** (from Luke 15:22-24)

One: Jesus told us: "Then the Father said: 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'" Brothers and sisters, welcome back home. This fellow Jesus, and his remarkable household, welcomes sinners and even eats with the likes of us!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

### **Profession of Faith**

#### Confirmands

Brogan Bernard  
Kaleb Jigo  
Brooke TerMaat

#### Shepherds

David Hooker, Tanis Hooker  
Jim Brink  
Dawn Tillema

#### Teachers

Duncan M. MacLean, III  
Nick Loubert

### **\*Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Presentation of Stoles**

### **\*Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which we have been called in the one body. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## LISTENING IN EXPECTATION

### Children's Moment

One: Congregation, what is your prayer for these children?  
Many: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**Anthem** "Lord, Show the Way" | J. S. Bach

*Lord, show the way when clouds surround me, and shadows hide the light of day.  
What sweet content! To have you near me. To know your love and tender mercy will lead me to eternity.  
Lord, show the way when clouds surround me, and shadows hide the light of day.*

**Second Lesson** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (page 850)

One: The Word of the Lord.  
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Come Home!"

**Prayer for a Blessing on the Word**

**Silence for Reflection**

**\*Hymn** "Far from Home We Run, Rebellious" | see end of order

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### Announcements

### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*In a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, let us worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings.*

**Offertory** "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me" | hymn harm. J. S. Bach, setting by Taemin Han

*Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
If you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
And humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross, let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
It guides you to abundant life  
And leads to victory o'er the grave.*

**\*Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" | 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

*During the prayers each week, we remember our neighboring faith communities and their leaders.  
Today we are praying for the staff and congregation of Hope Lutheran Church.*

One: The Lord be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**

*During the prayer:*

One: Lord, in your mercy,  
**Many: Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**DEPARTING IN JOY**

**\*Hymn** "What Wondrous Love" | 85, all verses

**\*Charge and Blessing**

One: Whoever you are, wherever you go in God's wide world, whatever happens to you of good or ill, always remember...  
**Many: Jesus is Lord!**  
One: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God; walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High; walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.  
**Many: Amen!**

**Postlude** "Fugue in G Minor" | J. S. Bach (BWV 542)

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Suzanne McDonald	Violinist: Jo Preece
Liturgist: Dawn Tillema	Cellist: Will Preece
Director of Music Ministries: Taemin Han	Flutist: Jodi MacLean
Principal Organist: Norma de Waal Malefyt	Chancel Choir
Prayers of the People: Pastor Steven D. Pierce	Video Tech: Chris Witmer
Offertory Prayer: Lou Canfield	Sound Tech: Mason VanMeurs
Vocal Soloist: Kathryn Becksvoot	



**Palm Sunday | April 10 | 10:00 a.m.**

"A Triumphal Entry"

Luke 19:28-40

**Maundy Thursday | April 14 | 7:00 p.m.**

"This Do In Remembrance of Me"

Mark 14:12-26

**Good Friday | April 15 | 12:00 p.m.**

*(preservice music begins at 11:45 a.m.)*

**Labyrinth Prayer Walk | April 15 | 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

*(fellowship hall)*

**Easter Sunday | April 17**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Kent Country Club

10:00 a.m. service in the Central sanctuary

"Surprise!"

John 20:1-18

*(Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard following worship)*

*Pastor Steven D. Pierce preaching all services.*

*Please invite your family and friends.*

# FAR FROM HOME WE RUN, REBELLIOUS

(V. 1, CHOIR; V. 2-3, ALL; V. 4, CHOIR; V. 5-6, ALL)

Fm C7 Fm C7 Fm D<sup>b</sup>

1 Far from home we run, re - bel - lious, seek - ing cit - ies  
2 Dreams that lured us on have van - ished; free - dom's road has  
3 Long the road that winds us home - ward, faint the hope that

Gm7 Csus C Fm D<sup>b</sup>ma7 G<sup>o</sup> C7

bright with dreams, cast - ing loose from love that claims us,  
run its course. All that glit - tered now lies tar - nished,  
love still waits; yet the feet that once were way - ward

Fm 1, 2 B<sup>b</sup>m6 C Fm 3 B<sup>b</sup> To Stanzas 4 - 6 C F

crav - ing life that glit - ters, gleams.  
robbed of joy by guilt, re - morse.  
lead us toward fa - mil - iar gates.

F C7 F C7 F

4 Swift, a fa - ther runs to meet us, bear - ing  
5 Arms, long emp - ty, close a - round us, bind - ing  
6 Bread and wine for cel - e - bra - tion on the

Dm Gm7 Csus C7 F D7

love that cov - ers shame. Sin and guilt no  
 hearts in warm em - brace. Love we lost once  
 ta - ble now are spread. Songs as - cend in

Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup>6 C F

more de - feat us; grace re - stores a home, a name.  
 more has found us, shines a - gain from face to face.  
 jub - i - la - tion, for we live who once were dead!

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH: CREEDS

### **BROGAN BERNARD**

I believe in God the Father. The first person in the trinity, and the creator of heaven and earth. I believe in God the Son, the second person in the trinity, sent down to earth to share God's word and spread the faith. I believe in God the holy spirit, the third person in the trinity. It brings faith, power, and hope. It is always with us and around us. I see God working every day. He does work on people and it is shown through everyday interactions. Whether it is a kind clerk, or an extremely generous person, he is affecting people day in and day out. I believe everyone on this earth is a beloved child of God. Baptized or unbaptized, Christian or non-Christian, God loves you and if you truly grow your relationship with him, he will change your life for the good.

### **KALEB JIGO**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in God the son, Jesus Christ, who came to die for my sins so that he could show his love and share his gift of eternal life through his death and resurrection. I believe God the Holy Spirit is a gift from God and is eternal and is always with us. I see God working in the world around me today when I'm going to school because he protects me during the day. I know I am a beloved Child of God because Jesus Christ came and died for my sins and forgives me for my sins.

### **BROOKE TERMAAT**

I believe that God sent His ONLY son, Jesus Christ, down from Heaven to save us all from sin. I believe that Jesus died for us so that we may live eternally through grace. I believe that the Holy Spirit will always be present around us., from our birth to our death, and that the Holy Spirit is God's eternal seal on us. The Spirit assures us that God is always with us. I believe that God is always working in the world around us, through Communion, Baptism, nature's beauty and the loved ones that He places in our lives. I believe that we are beloved children of God and that Jesus died for us with his blood and suffering. I also know this because when we are baptized, He sets His seal on us and says, "This is my beloved child."

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

03/27/22–04/02/22

find a complete list of announcements in the atrium, or visit [centralreformedchurch.org/life](http://centralreformedchurch.org/life)

Sunday 03/27	Monday 03/28	Tuesday 03/29	Wednesday 03/30	Thursday 03/31	Friday 04/01	Saturday 04/02
Worship 10:00 a.m.			Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. (conf. room)			
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m. (atrium)			Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. (parlor)			
Nominating Committee Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (conf. room)		Addie's Pantry Curbside Pickup 1:00–3:00 p.m.		Men's Group 12:00 p.m. (parlor)		
Second Hour Education 11:15 a.m.			Narcotics Anonymous 6:30 p.m.	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.		
Middle School/ High School Youth Group 6:15 p.m.				Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.		

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Thanksgiving:** for our visitors; for all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones this week; for today's confirmands, Brogan Bernard, Kaleb Jigo and Brooke TerMaat; for our shepherds, David Hooker, Tanis Hooker, Dawn Tillema, Jim Brink, and Patsy Troost; for our teachers and educators, particularly Rev. Dr. Suzanne McDonald; for Mason VanMeurs, without whose generosity and technological expertise we would struggle to reach people online this day.

**Comfort and Grace:** for those who lost loved ones in the crash of China Eastern Airlines flight 5735; for those grieving in Ukraine; for those who have suffered grief and devastation due to natural disaster; for those who are feeling discouraged.

**Healing and Peace:** for Ron Beuker as he recovers in Breton Woods Rehab; for loved ones who have recently received a difficult diagnosis; for those being treated for cancer; for all those searching for a path to healing.

**Strength and Guidance:** for world leaders facing the multiple crises wrought by Russia's invasion of Ukraine; for loved ones who struggle with mental health challenges; for those experiencing life transitions; for loved ones who are battling addiction.

**Blessing and Protection:** for the Ukrainian people and neighboring countries during this time of violence; for our college students near and far.

**Shalom:** for our ecumenical neighbors, particularly the staff and congregation of Hope Lutheran Church.



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